

**MINUTES OF THE  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
HOPATCONG SENIOR CENTER, 32 LAKESIDE BOULEVARD  
HOPATCONG, NJ  
JANUARY 14, 2025 (REORGANIZATION MEETING)  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Recreation Commission Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** This meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Recreation Commission Chairperson invites all present to salute the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** The Recording Secretary will call the roll.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Dave Barella, Darrin DiNapoli, Cheryl Ostman, Wendy Sutton, Jackie Turkington, Ulla Vinkman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Recreation Liaison Roseanne Schult, Councilwoman Jennifer Johnson, Councilman Joe Falconi

**MOTION TO NOMINATE WENDY SUTTON FOR RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:**  
Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE DAVE BARELLA FOR RECREATION COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON:**  
Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. Dave Barella abstained. Commissioners DiNapoli, Ostman, Sutton, Turkington, Vinkman were in favor.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE DARRIN DINAPOLI FOR RECREATION FIELDS COMMITTEE:**  
Commissioner Ostman made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE CHERYL OSTMAN FOR RECREATION FIELDS COMMITTEE:**  
Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion, Commissioner Barella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE ULLA VINKMAN FOR RECREATION TRIPS/LOCAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:**  
Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO NOMINATE CHERYL OSTMAN FOR RECREATION TRIPS/LOCAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:**  
Chairperson Sutton made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2025 MEETING DATES (RESOLUTION 2025-01):**  
Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS (RESOLUTION 2025-02):**

Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON (RESOLUTION 2025-03):**

Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON (RESOLUTION 2025-04):**

Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**OPEN SPACE UPDATE:** Liaison Dave Barella—There are no updates.

**OUTER SPATIAL UPDATE:** No Update

**CELEBRATIONS OF EVENTS UPDATE:** Meeting on Friday to discuss dates for events.

Meeting dates July 8, 2025 and September 9, 2025 are conflicting dates with land use. As dates get closer a new time or location will be determined.

**EVENT DATES:**

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Memorial Day: Saturday, May 24, 2025

Flag Day: June 14, 2025

Miss Lotta Veterans' Cruise: June 28, 2025

Hopatcong Days: July 12, 2025/July 13, 2025

Halloween: October 18, 2025/October 25, 2025

9/11: September 11, 2025

Veteran's Day: November 11, 2025

Santa/Tree Lighting: December 6, 2025

Miss Hopatcong: TBD

All volunteers must be background checked. Street hockey and basketball are paid for by us. All others by commission. BA Snow will provide an update as to how long the background check is good for.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Basketball:**

No updates. Going well without issues. Request for Commissioner Vinkman to take team photos as a volunteer. Commission Vinkman will donate 1 hour of time, Chairperson Sutton will send her dates.

**Street Hockey:**

The fee will stay the same as last at \$50. Will get fees approved at the next council meeting on February 5, 2025. Practice starts March 22, 2025. Games start April 12, 2025. Season ends June 22, 2025.

Chairperson Sutton will email the flyer to the hockey managers to start advertising. In-person registration is only allowed by business administrator one day, March 8 or 15 are options. Chairperson Sutton will check with BA Snow to find out if Aldo's name can be added to flyer for any questions or information. Councilman Falconi suggested adding a payment plan option for recreation sports. Smartsheet will be used as the spreadsheet. Michael will send Chairperson Sutton the hockey gmail email. There is a balance of \$1,938.57. Will order 50 balls, same as last year.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ORDERING ADDITIONAL 50 BALLS:**

Commissioner Barella made a motion, Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

HLL field request for Naritcong and Vet's Fields March 1, 2005 through November 8, 2025

**MOTION TO APPROVE FIELD REQUEST DATES (pending any town events):**

Commissioner Barella made a motion to approve. Commissioner DiNapoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barry Comerford handed out Harlem Wizard flyers.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Barella made a motion to re-open the meeting to the public. Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Vinkman suggested the idea of a New Year's Eve Ball Drop.

Councilwoman Johnson suggested streaming (listen only) for future meetings.

Councilman Falconi, Councilwoman Johnson and Mayor Galate will be added to emails for the agenda each month.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Commissioner Barella made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Commissioner Turkington seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**

Commissioner DiNapoli made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 19th. Jackie Turkington abstained. Commissioners Barella, DiNapoli, Ostman, Sutton, Vinkman were in favor.

Next meeting: February 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Commissioner Turkington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vinkman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary